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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please substitute the following replacement paragraph for the second full paragraph on Page 5 of the Application-as-filed, beginning on line 11:

In one embodiment of the invention, the filler material may be selected from a group of inorganic materials encompassing, inter alia, talc, chalk, dolomite, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium hydroxide, barium sulfate, ~~pearlite~~ perlite, diatomite, mica, calcium carbonate, and mixtures of these. It is advantageous for the filler material to be composed of organic materials, such as ground residues of high pressure laminate ("HPL") sheets, sawdust produced from HPL sheets when the sheets are cut, and/or ground used HPL sheets, or of timber sawdust products, or of wood fibers and/or cellulose fibers.